

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF WATERBURY
MARCH 3, 2026**

The inhabitants of the Town of Waterbury who are legal voters in Town Meetings are hereby notified and warned to conduct business to meet in the Brookside Primary School Gym at 47 Stowe Street at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon on March 3rd, 2026 to act on the following matters:

Rebecca Ellis called the meeting to order at 9am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator to preside at the meetings of the Town whose term of office shall be for the ensuing year.

Roger Clapp made a motion to elect Rebecca Ellis to preside at the meetings of the Town whose term of office shall be for the ensuing year. John Malter seconded the motion. With no further nominations, the Town Clerk will cast one ballot for Rebecca Ellis. Rebecca Ellis gave a brief overview of the timeline for today's meeting including lunch being offered and Robert's Rules of Order. Rebecca Ellis introduced the Select Board to the audience.

Article 2: To elect by Australian ballot the following offices: one Select Board member for 3-year term and two Select Board members for 1-year term each; Clerk for 1-year unexpired term; Treasurer for 1-year unexpired term; Lister for a 3-year term; Cemetery Commissioner for a 5-year term; Library Commissioner for a 5-year term.

Article 3: To elect by Australian ballot for the Harwood Unified Union School District: School Director for 3-year term; School Director for 1-year unexpired term.

Article 4: Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Waterbury in an amount not to exceed Four Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,300,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid which is expected in at least the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000), be issued for the purpose of creating flood storage capacity at Randall Meadow to reduce the impact of flooding for significant portions of the Town of Waterbury's downtown?

Note: The polls for voting by Australian ballot on Articles 2, 3 and 4 will be open from seven o'clock in the forenoon to seven o'clock in the afternoon at Brookside Primary School at 47 Stowe Street.

Article 5: To act upon the reports of the several Town Officers with the exception of claims for fees or compensation during 2025.

Michael Bard made a motion to accept the reports of the several Town Officers as printed in the annual report, with the exception of claims for fees or compensation by Town officers, for services rendered during 2025. John Malter seconded the motion. John Malter spoke about Hazardous Waste collection and Mad River Resource Management Alliance. Lisa Scagliotti announced that Saturday May 2, 2026, is Green Up Day. Lisa is looking for an assistant coordinator if anyone is interested. Kathi Grace asked about Special Articles for appropriations. She would like to know what the process of getting on the list is and why

some organizations report financial information and some do not. Michael Bard explained that all organizations are required to submit a yearly report, however the Town does not require a financial statement. Alyssa Johnson confirmed all Special Article appropriations were paid in 2025. There being no further discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 6: To act with respect to claims of Town Officers for their services during 2025.

P. Howard (Skip) Flanders made a motion to pay the claims of the Town Officers for their services rendered during 2025, as appears on Page 8 of the Annual Report. Select Board Chair, \$2,500, Vice Chair \$2,500, other Select Board members, \$2,250 each; Listers, \$750 each. The motion was seconded from the floor. Skip Flanders stated the last time the Select Board stipend was raised was 2013. Using research from previous stipend raises and inflation the calculation is adequate when compared to historical data. Evan Hoffman made a motion to amend, striking \$2,500 from the motion and making it \$5,000 for the Chair. William Shepeluk seconded the motion to amend. Michael Bard is opposed to this increase because he sees the role as a volunteer board. Karen Miller, a previous Board member, reiterated the service to the community and believes this is an unnecessary burden to taxpayers. Dani Kehlmann, also a previous board member, stated it is a great deal of time to be a member of the board. William Shepeluk stated he supports the motion and amendment, he also pointed out this is taken up every year on the warning, so it's not cast in stone. There were 34 board meetings in 2025, which amounts to \$147 per meeting. Tom Gloor stated when you run for this position you do so for the service of the community. Madame Moderator reviewed the motion and amendment for clarity. Seeing no further discussion on the motion to amend, to strike the \$2,500 and make it \$5,000. Madame Moderator requested a division of the house; BCA officials John Bauer and Carla Lawrence counted the division of the house. In favor 67; Opposed 52. The motion to amend passes. There being no further discussion on the motion to pay claims to the officers in 2025. Select Board Chair, \$5,000, Vice Chair \$2,500, other Select Board members, \$2,250 each; Listers, \$750 each, a vote was held and passed.

Madame Moderator asked if there were any objections to giving the floor to Skip Flanders, hearing no objections, Skip Flanders thanked Alyssa Johnson for her dedication as a public servant to the Town of Waterbury. Alyssa Johnson thanked the community and stated her appreciation for this recognition and thanked the remaining members of the board for their participation as board members.

Skip Flanders and Roger Clapp then presented Peter Plagge with the Keith Wallace award for his 25 years of dedication to the community and its visitors. Skip Flanders spoke at length of Peter's commitment to the town and the many gifts he has given to the community through his work. Peter was presented with a certificate and asked if he would like a plaque made or rather have a monetary donation to a charity of his choice in the amount of the cost of a plaque. The Town of Waterbury will make a charitable donation in the amount of \$150.00 to a charity of Peter Plagge's choice.

Article 7: Shall the tax warrant on real property be dated July 1, 2026, and the taxes be due in two installments, with the first installment due and payable on August 14th, 2026, and the second installment due and payable on November 6th, 2026?

Tori Taravella made a motion the tax warrant on real property be dated July 1, 2026, and the taxes be due in two installments, with the first installment due and payable on August 14th, 2026 and the second installment due and payable on November 6th, 2026. John Malter seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 8: Shall each tax installment be paid in hand at the Municipal Office by 4:30 p.m. on the due date without discount, and interest be charged at the maximum allowed by statute, not to exceed one and one-half percent per month or portion thereof on each installment, and a late penalty of eight percent be charged as allowed by statute on taxes not paid when due?

Michael Bard made a motion that each tax installment shall be paid in hand at the Municipal Office by 4:30pm on the due date without discount and that interest be charged at the maximum allowed by statute, not to exceed one and one-half percent per month or portion thereof on each installment and a late penalty of eight percent be charged as allowed by statute on taxes not paid when due. Kathi Grace seconded the motion. Discussion followed, Micheal Bard stated in the past the time of payment has been extended to 5:00pm and seemed ineffective so the board has made the time 4:30pm. There being no further discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 9: Shall the voters of the Town of Waterbury adopt the proposed operating and capital budgets, which contain \$6,567,486 in expenses, of which \$4,585,774 is to be raised by property taxes and \$1,981,712 is to be funded by anticipated non-property tax revenues?

Alyssa Johnson made a motion that the Town of Waterbury adopt the proposed operating and capital budgets, which contain \$6,567,486 in expenses, of which \$4,585,774 is to be raised by property taxes and \$1,981,712 is to be funded by anticipated non-property tax revenues. John Malter seconded the motion. Alyssa Johnson stated previously the motion included a tax rate which was intentionally omitted from the motion as directed by legal counsel. William Shepeluk stated the way the budget was presented in the Town Report is very difficult to match the figures on page 20. The budget as presented on page 24 includes the select board pay which, as of Article 5 has now been increased. The Special Articles are also not presented in the budget. Tom Gloor asked for permission to ask questions to William Shepeluk as Town Treasurer. The PILOT payment is affected by the Town's grand list and Common Level of Appraisal, it is also calculated by the State and is affected by the State's collection of Local Option Tax. Alyssa Johnson stated the error seemed to have occurred in 2024 when the Town overestimated the PILOT payment. Tom Gloor asked about the number of overspending items on the budget and how to best prepare for those overages when you're creating a Town budget. William Shepeluk spoke to the methods he used in his time as manager but acknowledged you can't anticipate emergencies or storms that impact emergency spending. There will always be unanticipated overspending when emergencies take place. Chris Viens apologized for suggesting last year that the Local Options Tax be used

to stabilize the tax rate recognizing there was a surplus entering into 2026. He is opposed to the 2.7% tax rate increase with a surplus. Chris hopes the new board will be considering costs for new staff as hiring takes place. Karen Miller reiterated that any line of the budget can be changed at Town Meeting, this article should not be considered a yes or no to the entire budget. Kathy Murphy, owner of Stowe Street Emporium, struggles to understand where the LOT money is going in the budget. Madame Moderator stated the LOT will be discussed as part of Article 15. Angela Wells asked about public safety and adding Washington County Sheriff in the amount of \$75,000. Michael Bard acknowledged there is speeding and parking issues in town. The sheriff's office will be addressing what he referred to as lifestyle issues. VSP devote their efforts to drug investigations and more in-depth enforcement efforts. Alyssa Johnson stated that VSP payment is considered in the public safety line of the budget and the proposed contract with the Washington County Sheriff office is proposed to use LOT. The payment to the Sheriff's office will be limited to only hours served and more directed from the town than what is manageable with VSP for staffing reasons. Michelle Downing supports finding a better way to discuss Town meeting Day issues and urges residence to join the Town Meeting Day Task Force. Kathi Grace would like to know more about the coverage proposed by the Sheriff Office. Her questions can be addressed in future articles. Cheryl Gloor asked about the Recreational Facility Planning budget detailed on Page 23. This is a LOT expenses. There are no plans to expand a Recreation facility in 2026. Billy Vigdor has heard a lot of residents bring a wish list to the Planning Commission about things they would like to see in the community, perhaps the discussion should be what services residents do not want to see in the budget. Sandy Sabin asked about page 23 LOT, there are no actuals. LOT will be discussed in article 15. William Shepeluk was given permission to speak again, in response to Chris Viens stating he cannot see anywhere in the town report what the general fund balance is today. William Shepeluk does not support a general fund balance of more than 5% of the budget amount. Chris Viens was given permission to speak again; he would like to have a 10-year budget forecast for infrastructure. Karen Miller was given permission to speak again; Karen Miller made a motion to amend to take \$120,000 from the general fund balance to be used as non-property tax revenue. The amendment would lower the amount of property taxes and increase the amount of non-property tax revenue. Karen Miller made a motion to amend the property tax revenue to \$4,455,774 and non-property taxes to \$2,101,712. Tom Gloor seconded the motion. Madame Moderator read the amended article:

Discussion on the motion to amend. Peter Turmelle stated he would like to see the 2.7% tax rate decrease and the various investment account interest be used to subsidize the budget. Theresa Wood would like to know about page 25 Fire Department revenue from neighboring communities. Alyssa Johnson confirmed the Town did receive that payment and apologized it is not reflected in the Town Report. Alyssa Johnson also thanked Bill Woodruff for stepping up to fill the role as Interim Town Manager. Andy Wood expressed concern about using the general fund balance to lower the property tax. William Shepeluk, as Treasurer, confirmed the town fund balance is in the black. He cautioned to keep the investment accounts as cash on hand for emergencies. Tom Gloor stated this conversation was very good and he supports Town Meeting Day. Alyssa Johnson cautioned using fund balance revenue and causing issues down the road. Chris Viens asked the Select Board how much debt service will be paid down

this year with the current budget, \$80,000-\$150,000 using the budget and LOT combined. Therea Wood was given permission to speak again; she would like to know about page 34, the tax stabilization fund noting there are sufficient revenues for emergencies to support lowering the tax rate with the amendment. A vote was called on the motion to amend, Shall the voters of the Town of Waterbury adopt the proposed operating and capital budgets, which contain \$6,567,486 in expenses, of which \$4,455,774 is to be raised by property taxes and \$2,101,712 is to be funded by anticipated non-property tax revenues. The motion passed. The question was called on the main motion: Shall the voters of the Town of Waterbury adopt the proposed operating and capital budgets, which contain \$6,567,486 in expenses, of which \$4,455,774 is to be raised by property taxes and \$2,101,712 is to be funded by anticipated non-property tax revenues. This motion also passed.

A short break allowed Representatives Wood and Stevens to provide updates.

Article 10: Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Natural Disaster Reserve Fund for the purpose of responding to natural disasters, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

Tori Taravella made a motion the Town of Waterbury establish a reserve fund to be called the Natural Disaster Reserve Fund for the purpose of responding to natural disasters, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804. John Malter seconded the motion. Tori Taravella brought attention to Page 57 of the Town Report while outlines the fund uses but highlights this is not inclusive. There being no discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 11: Shall the Town appropriate \$14,000 of Local Option Tax revenues to the Natural Disaster Reserve Fund?

Tori Taravella made a motion the Town of Waterbury appropriate \$14,000 of Local Option Tax revenues to the Natural Disaster Reserve Fund. Kathi Grace seconded the motion. By funding this with LOT there will not be an impact on the tax rate. On years when there is no need to spend the reserve will grow. John Malter endorsed this for resources when there are disasters in the community to allow for quick responses to help neighbors in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. There being no discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 12: Shall the Town establish a reserve fund to be called the Waterbury Housing Reserve Fund for the purpose of supporting housing initiatives and incentives in alignment with the Waterbury Housing Trust Fund Allowable Uses, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804?

Kane Sweeney made a motion the Town of Waterbury establish a reserve fund to be called the Waterbury Housing Reserve Fund for the purpose of supporting housing initiatives and incentives in alignment with the Waterbury Housing Trust Fund Allowable Uses, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804. Sandy Sabin seconded the motion. Kane Sweeney stated establishing this fund will codify Waterbury's commitment to housing in the future. Kathi Grace asked about the Woody Avenue development and if these funds can be used for development of this nature. Kane Sweeney brought attention to Page 53 in the Town Report where the allowable uses are detailed such as building ADU's. Theresa Wood spoke to 24 V.S.A. § 2804 At an annual or special meeting duly warned, a municipality may establish a reserve fund to be

under the control and direction of the legislative branch of the municipality. The reserve fund shall be kept in a separate account and invested as are other public funds and may be expended for such purposes for which established, or when authorized by a majority of the voters present and voting at an annual or special meeting duly warned, for other purposes. There being no further discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 13: Shall the Town deposit \$175,000 of Local Option Tax reserves to the Waterbury Housing Reserve Fund?

Kane Sweeney made a motion the Town deposit \$175,000 of Local Option Tax reserves to the Waterbury Housing Reserve Fund. John Malter seconded the motion. The \$175,000 being requested has already been set aside for this use and does not impact the 2026 budget. There was \$100,000 allocated in 2024 and \$75,000 from voters in 2025. There being no discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 14: Shall notes of the Town of Waterbury in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars (\$414,407), subject to the reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid and reserve funds, be issued for the purpose of acquiring a (replacement) fire truck, the estimated cost of such improvements being Four Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars (\$414,407), with the debt serviced by \$110,000 in Local Option Tax Revenues in 2026?

Michael Bard made a motion to authorize the Town of Waterbury to borrow by note in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars (\$414,407), subject to the reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid and reserve funds, for the purpose of acquiring a (replacement) fire truck, the estimated cost of such improvements being Four Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Seven Dollars (\$414,407), with the debt serviced by \$110,000 in Local Option Tax Revenues in 2026. John Malter seconded the motion. Gary Dillon stated this will be the last request for a while for a large truck. This truck is to replace one that was scheduled to be replaced in 2018. The old truck is starting to experience mechanical issues which will be costly. There being no discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 15: To see if the voters of the Town will, during 2026, appropriate a total of \$935,000 from Local Option Tax revenues as follows:

Kane Sweeney made a motion to move Article 15

- \$150,000 for gravel roads
- \$25,000 to the Highway Capital Fund
- \$150,000 for a new pool filter
- \$75,000 for a new F350 vehicle for Public Works
- \$150,000 for sidewalk improvements
- \$15,000 for consulting services to assist with the Town Plan update
- \$8,500 for a Tree Inventory

- \$10,000 for expenses related to FEMA Buyout projects
- \$25,000 for the Stanley Wasson & Woody Avenue housing projects
- \$10,000 for non-grant eligible expenses for the Randall Meadow flood mitigation project
- \$75,000 for a pilot service agreement with the Washington County Sheriff
- \$8,000 for inventory supplies for Natural Disaster preparedness
- \$3,500 for the Waterbury VT250 Planning Committee
- \$126,667 for debt service for a Fire Truck approved by voters in 2025
- \$103,333 for debt service for a Public Works Truck approved by voters in 2025

John Malter seconded the motion. Madame Moderator read the motion in its entirety. The board feels all these expenses meet the criteria for uses of the LOT money as outlined in 2024 to the voters. Sandy Sabin would like to know if actuals for 2025 are available along with a final yearend balance of LOT. Alyssa Johnson stated all the funds allocated in 2025 were spent with the exception of Card Access/Security System. Chris Viens stated he would like to see \$200,000 per year placed in the Tax Stabilization Fund. Kathi Grace would like to know what the \$25,000 for Woody Avenue is being proposed for and more details regarding police coverage. Roger Clapp stated the \$25,000 is to pay for studies and community outreach for Woody Avenue and Stanley Wasson. The \$75,000 for the Washington County Sheriff (WCS) services is a pilot to see if the funding should be redirected from the VSP contract or if both entities are needed. Alyssa Johnson shared the Town has received a Community Block Grant to assist with funding for outreach, planning and engineering on both Woody Avenue and Stanley Wasson. Martha Staskus spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission; there is \$15,000 for the Town Plan. There are key elements to this project, there have been visioning sessions and surveys. Angela Wells would like to know what the hours of operation will be for the WCS contract. Alyssa Johnson stated the contract runs for 9 months from July 2026 to March 2027. William Shepeluk stated on page 12 of the Town Report the previous Town Manager detailed what the \$75,000 will pay for specific to times of coverage. Charles Magnus would like to know more about the Woody Avenue project such as proposal parking, roads and number of units to be proposed. Tori Taravella stated most of those answers would be derived from the use of the proposed spending to do more exploratory work. Ingrid Jonas wondered if there are ways to better document what the VSP troopers are doing and what level of certification the WCS deputies will have in Waterbury. Michael Bard acknowledges the public has said they do not feel the VSP contract is sufficient and bringing in the WCS for additional coverage would be a comfort to the community. Alyssa Johnson stated the board does not have current knowledge of the certification of the WCS that will serve the community. Gary Dillon asked about the Recreational land swap easement is retained with the Woody Avenue development. The Easement is on the back part of the property and not affected with development. Conrad Emmon would like more information about the \$150,000 pool filter. There being no objection, Interim Manager Bill Woodruff, a Duxbury resident, was given permission to speak. The pool filter is still in the exploration phase. There being no discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 16: To see if the voters of the Town will, during 2026, appropriate:

- \$1,000 for support of Capstone Community Action
- \$1,000 for support of Community Harvest of Central Vermont
- \$500 for support of Everybody Wins! Vermont
- \$1,000 for the support of the Family Center of Washington County
- \$1,000 for support of Friends of Waterbury Reservoir
- \$500 for support of Good Beginnings of Central Vermont
- \$975 for support of Mosaic Vermont
- \$250 for support of OUR House of Central Vermont
- \$1,000 for support of the People's Health and Wellness Clinic
- \$500 for support of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- \$600 for support of the Vermont Center for Independent Living
- \$800 for the support of the Waterbury Community Band

John Malter moved Article 16, the motion was duly seconded from the floor.

Madame Moderator read the motion in its entirety. Kathi Grace brought attention to page 22 in the Town Report stating there is an 18% increase to the Special Articles. How much is budgeted from Special Interest groups and what is the policy to apply for funding. Michael Bard stated the option to not pass one of these funding requests lies with the voters. An amendment can be made to the motion. Tori Taravella stated state law is followed, if an organization obtains the necessary petition they are placed on the warning. Article 16 is grouped if the amount of the request is less than \$1,000, all remaining articles are for organizations with requests over \$1,000. Consensus these nonprofits are very important to the community. Evan Hoffman asked about the discrepancy on Page 22 and Page 35, it's believed the table on page 35 is inaccurate without explanation why it was printed in the town report. There being no further discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 17: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$2,000 for support of the American Red Cross? Alec Cawley made a motion to appropriate \$2,000 for support of the American Red Cross. John Malter seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 18: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$2,000 for support of Central Vermont Adult Education? Jane Willard made a motion to appropriate \$2,000 for support of Central Vermont Adult Education. John Malter seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 19: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$2,250 for the support of Central Vermont Council on Aging and AmeriCorps Senior RSVP? Wayne Goulet made a motion to appropriate \$2,250 for the support of Central Vermont Council on Aging and AmeriCorps Senior RSVP. John Malter seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 20: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$1,375 for support of Circle? Theresa Wood made a motion to appropriate \$1,375 for support of Circle. John Malter seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 21: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$1,500 for support of Downstreet Housing and Community Development? Wayne Goulet made a motion to appropriate \$1,500 for support of Downstreet Housing and Community Development. MK Monley seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 22: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$1,500 for support of Elevate (Washington County Youth Services)? Wayne Goulet made a motion to appropriate \$1,500 for support of Elevate. John Malter seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 23: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$7,500 for support of the Early Education Resource Center of Waterbury ("Children's Room")? Michelle Downing made a motion to appropriate \$7,500 for support of the Early Education Resource Center of Waterbury ("Children's Room"). John Malter seconded the motion. Page 67 has additional information; William Shepluk asked about other resources the Children's Room receives beyond the Town of Waterbury, seeing an 88% increase in the request this year. Funding is donation based. There are appropriation requests from other towns as well as Waterbury. Cheryl Gloor made a motion to amend the motion to level funding of \$4,000. John Malter seconded the amendment. Beth Ann Maier, Abby Fish, Nina Porten and Alec Cawley all spoke highly of the Children's Room and utilized it for their children. William Shepeluk stated he supports the increase but wanted to ensure other communities are also contributing. Michelle Downing stated most of the organized events are free for all to attend except for the Barn Dance which is their largest fundraiser. Debate if The Children's Room and Town Recreation Department overlap services. The Children's Room serves children under the age of 6 opposed to the Recreation department. A vote was called on the amendment to the motion. The amendment did not pass. A vote was called on the main motion; a vote was held and passed.

Article 24: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$2,382 for support of the Green Mountain Transit Agency? Wayne Goulet made a motion to appropriate \$2,382 for support of the Green Mountain Transit Agency. Anne Imhoff seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 25: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$1,500 for the support of the Harry

N. Cutting American Legion? Wayne Goulet made a motion to appropriate \$1,500 for the support of the Harry N. Cutting American Legion. John Malter seconded the motion. Kathi Grace stated because this is a private club they do not meet the same requirements and outside the scope to receive funding. Waterbury Center resident, Stanley stated these funds will be used to install a defibrillator in the second-floor lobby which is a safety need. There being no further discussion, a vote was held and passed.

Article 26: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$2,500 for the support of the Waterbury Area MakerSphere Cooperative? MK Monley made a motion to appropriate \$2,500 for the support of the Waterbury Area MakerSphere Cooperative. Rick Weston seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 27: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$6,500 for the Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association in addition to the amount included in the General Fund Budget for such purpose? Alec Cawley made a motion to appropriate \$6,500 for the Waterbury Area Senior Citizens Association in addition to the amount included in the General Fund Budget for such purpose. John Malter seconded the motion. Anne Imhoff stated the request letter appears to be written to the Town of Moretown. Angela Wells asked why the Senior Center budget isn't in the Town Report and why there is a separate article over and above the amount in the budget. William Shepeluk stated this funding structure goes back many years, and the funding request is level. Charlene Sugai, an employee of the Senior Center, was given permission to speak. The WASCA does serve individuals in Moretown, (there is a typo in the report they sent). William Shepeluk stated it's the Town's discretion to split the amounts between the budget and the appropriations. Charlene Sugai provided information about what services the Center provides to the community. Michael Bard asked if the Center receives support from other neighboring communities. Charlene Sugai confirmed the other communities are also asked for funding. Theresa Wood recommended combining these amounts in the future and placing them in the budget. There being no further discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 28: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$5,000 for the support of Waterbury Common Market? Rick Weston made a motion to appropriate \$5,000 for the support of Waterbury Common Market. William Shepeluk seconded the motion. Sara Whitehair, a Duxbury resident, was given permission to speak. Sara Whitehair is the Director of the Common Market and stated this is the first time the organization has requested money through appropriations. They plan to expand this funding source to other communities in the future. The market saw a 148% increase in January 2026 compared to last January. In 2026 they will be installing a wheelchair ramp and beginning a delivery system. There being no further discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 29: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$2,500 for support of Waterbury Local Energy Action Partnership (LEAP)? Duncan McDougall made a motion to appropriate \$2,500 for support of Waterbury Local Energy Action Partnership (LEAP). Anne Imhoff seconded the motion. Duncan McDougall brought attention to page 100 of the Town Report and stated all

staff are volunteers of the organization. The LEAP fair will be Saturday April 5, 2026. There being no discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

Article 30: Shall the Town of Waterbury vote to appropriate \$3,000 for the support of Washington County Mental Health Services? Theresa Wood made a motion to appropriate \$3,000 for the support of Washington County Mental Health Services. Dustin Spence seconded the motion. Theresa spoke on behalf of the organization stating services and funding have been cut due to federal funding cuts. There being no further discussion, a vote was held and passed unanimously.

- Anne Imhoff would like the Annual Report to be larger or have a larger font.
- Duncan McDougal thanked the Board, Moderator, Clerks and BCA for all their efforts.
- Billy Vigdor thanked Mike Bard for his years of service to the Board.
- Robert Grace suggested more information in the Town Report such as a chapter for all nonprofits about what they do with the funds, more detailed information about the public works department and public safety organizations
- Roger Clapp stated RW and Waterbury Recreation are hosting a Community Volunteer Fair on Saturday March 28th
- Kathi Grace would like to see all the local organizations grouped by location demographic. Alec Cawley stated he thinks it's a burden to ask all the organizations to attend the meeting when meetings take place all over the state.
- Mike Bard thanked Billy Vigdor for his recognition and thanked all the Town employees for their dedication to the work they do.

Rick Weston made a motion adjourn which was seconded by John Malter.

The 235th Annual Meeting was adjourned at 1:42pm

Respectfully submitted

Karen Petrovic